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## INFORMATION ON "LENIN" STATE METALLURGICAL FLANT AND NONFERROUS RHODOPE MINES IN BULGARIA

SOVIETS BUILD "LENIN" STATE METALLURGICAL PLANT -- Vienna, Interreport-Ost, No 222, 7 Feb 53

The construction of the "Lenin" State Metaliurgical Plant has been undertaken by "Sovbolstroy," the joint Soviet-Sulgarian construction enterprise. This special company developed from two former German construction enterprises. The Bulgarian share of the assets of the enterprise consists only of the machinery which the Bulgarians had to buy in the Soviet Union. The company has broad privileges and is exempt from any control by the Ministry of Construction. A Soviet engageer named Shevchenko is general manager, and all important positions are held by Soviet personnel. "The 'Lenin' State Metallurgical Plant," is inscribed in gold letters, in Russian, on the large, leather-bound books lying on the office desks in the "Lenin" Plant. These books contain operating plans drawn up by Soviet experts. All the larger machines carry Soviet identification marks. The plant buildings of the steel combine are merely Soviet industrial installations in Bulgaria.

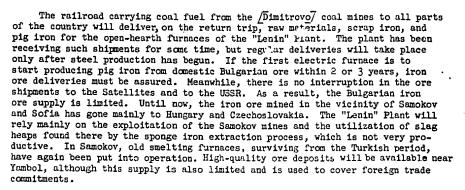
The latest reports explain why the plant will use huge amounts of electric power. Because of the raw material situation and the chortage of suitable coal, low-shaft furnaces of Swedish design for producing pig iron will be built. No blast furnaces will be built, but an electrical process will be used. The "Lenin" Plant is designed for the production of steel bars. Since it will take "Lenst 2 or 3 years for pig iron production to get under way, the open-hearth furnaces for the present will be charged mainly with scrap. The first open-hearth furnace is to be ready for production on 30 March 1953, the second on 30 June 1953, and the rolling mill by 15 July 1953. It is planned to effect a 90 percent recovery of scrap until domestic pig iron production begins. The additional supply of the indispensable pig iron will be made available with the help of the Soviet Union. The annual production of steel bars will amount to 10,000 tons.

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The assembly work on the auxiliary buildings of the "Lenin" Plant is to be finished by 30 July 1953. By that time, the compressor station, the repair shops, and the ore storage area will be finished. The total area of the plant is 50 hectares. It is divided into two groups of installations, the production installations and the repair and auxiliary installations. Construction completed at the end of 1952 consisted almost exclusively of the latter.

BULGARIAN STEEL TO GO TO USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Vienna, Interreport-Ost, No 242, 22 Apr 53

According to reliable sources, the "Lenin" State Metallurgical Plant in Dimitrovo will begin the production of steel this year. In this connection, it is said that the "Vulko Chervenkov" TETs (Steam-Heat and Electric Power Station)  $\underline{/}$ in Dimitrovgrad; the "Republika" TETs is near Dimitrovo7 is to be expanded considerably, and that the critical situation in the "Rositsa" /now "Aleksandur Stamboliyski" VETs (Hydroelectric Power Station) must be improved. The steel produced by the "Lenin" Plant will be shipped mainly to the USSR and to Czechoslovakia; only a small part is earmarked for Bulgaria.

The "Vulkan" Cement Plant will be expanded. Thus far the plant has been unable to fulfill its plan for the export of cement to the USSR.

The 1953 industrial production in Burgaria is to be increased 16 percent Las compared with 1952?

ADMINISTRATION OF ENTERPRISES IN MADAN OKOLIYA -- Khaskovo, Rodopska Borba, 14 Mar 53

The "Gyudyurska" Nine /In Mudan Okoliya, which is in the Rhodope lead and zinc mine region/ is headed by Gancho Nikolov. Tsvetan Gongov is the chairman of the mine trade union. This mine belongs to GORUBSO (Bulgarian-Soviet Forestry and Mining Organization) and is administered by the Second Mining Administration (rudoupravlenie).

Khaskovo, Rodopska Borba, 18 Mar 53

Sotir Stefanov is the chairman of the trade union committee in Fabrika, administered by the Second Mining Administration, Madan Okoliya.

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